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Publication of " Mezhichelvam."

* 605 *Q.*—SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM (on behalf of SRI K. R. Sambandam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have stopped publishing " Mezhichelvam ", a Tamil monthly; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Complaint against the bad quality of rice supplied from Coorg.

* 606 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 6th March 1954, from the President, Tellicherry Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, Malabar, complaining against the bad quality of rice supplied from Coorg and the consequent loss on the society in having been compelled to stock large quantities; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Collector of Malabar has been requested to investigate and report on the complaints made in the memorandum. Action, if any, will be taken by Government on receipt of the Collector's report. Since this answer was prepared, the report has been received and action has already been taken. The price of Coorg rice has been fixed as that of II sort rice."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Formerly we were told that there was some complaint about the rice imported from Andhra into Malabar that it was red. May we know what is the nature of complaint about the rice imported from Coorg? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As long as Malabar continues to be chronically deficit, these complaints cannot be avoided."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Despite repeated representations made on the floor of this House and the representations made by the P.C.C. Societies in Malabar that bad quality rice was continued to be supplied to them, even III grade rice imported into Malabar is marked as I grade. Will the Government make immediate enquiries into the matter and punish the officers responsible for this gross negligence and calculated mischief? "